

Environmental Cooperation Pilot Program Signing Event
Governor's Conference Room, 115 East
11:00 – 11:45 A.M.; Thursday, March 25, 1999
Speech by Lieutenant Governor Scott McCallum

- As Lieutenant Governor of the State of Wisconsin, I am pleased to welcome you all to this important event. We are making history not only in Wisconsin but also in the nation.
- In Wisconsin, we like to be first. Today Wisconsin has another first to add to its list, one we are especially proud of. Today the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency will be the first in the nation to sign a Memorandum of agreement under the Joint State/EPA Regulatory Innovation Agreement.
- This means that the citizens of Wisconsin can expect a new standard of environmental excellence through cooperation between the DNR and Wisconsin businesses. This agreement allows businesses to pursue innovations that current regulations are too inflexible to allow, while calling for businesses to go above and beyond current regulatory standards. This agreement sets high goals for the businesses that participate, while demanding efficiency from the state agency.
- This is an exciting time for Wisconsin. As we sign this Memorandum of Agreement, the eyes of the nation are on us because we are providing the working model from which other states will learn.
- At this time I would like to introduce the person that has worked diligently to bring the Environmental Cooperation Pilot Program to us: George Meyer, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.